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A level playing field must be created for every other software and
operating system vendor alike.

Microsoft is guilty. That much is true.

The only way to completely level the playing field is to open up, document
and publish Microsoft's APIs and file formats. While I don't believe that
these should be standardized on (there are much better solutions from third
party vendors out there) this will give those companies ways to work around
the tangled mess Microsoft has weaved in both their API sets and file
formats to: a) prevent the competing software of others to work properly
with their OS, b) to create incentives for upgrade's by not being
compatible with eariler formats in their own programs and c) to use "hooks"
in the API's available only to them.

I thank your for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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